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### GEORGE TAKEI HEADLINES USD FORUM ON ASIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCES

Japanese-American actor George Takei will be the keynote speaker at a special forum on "Asian American Experiences: World War II to the Present" on Thursday, October 15, at 7 p.m. in the Hahn University Center on the USD campus.

Takei, a native of Southern California who is best known for his role as Mr. Sulu on "Star Trek," spent part of his childhood in World War II internment camps for Japanese-Americans. His appearance is co-sponsored by two USD School of Law student groups, the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and the Student Bar Association, along with the USD Speakers Bureau and the USD Social Issues Committee.

"People who only know George Takei as 'Mr. Sulu' may be surprised to learn what he has had to endure as an Asian American," said Robert Chong, president of the Student Bar Association. "His story is truly inspirational."

"Asian American Experiences: World War II to the Present" is funded in part by the James Irvine Foundation. For further information, please contact Robert Chong at 260-4600, ext. 4346, or Jackson Wang at 260-4600, ext. 4341.